

WIC Local Agency Conference Call Minutes for April 26, 2012

Attendees: Joan Bowsher, Leah Steinle, Chris Fogelman, Bree Thompson, Bernadette Lahr, Michelle Sanchez, Tara Ray, Corinne Kyler, and Ashlyn Jones (Dietetic Intern)

Local Agencies Represented: Broadwater, Cascade, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Teton, Valley, RiverStone, Fort Peck, Blackfeet, CS&K

Program Updates-Joan

- Reallocation and contingency funds have been received in an amount that will keep local programs whole. Fourth quarter contracts for counties will contain all expected funding.
- We are still waiting to hear about additional Operational Adjustment funds. We have requested \$304,000.00
- Enough contingency funds have been received for food expenditures.
 - Due to tight funding, breast pumps will not be purchased this year. There are still plenty of breast pumps available for local agencies to order.
 - Cost containment changes to the food packages will not be made at this time.
 - Encourage participants to shop wisely and to purchase only what they need.
 - The Regional USDA Office encouraged Montana to remove organic milk from its approved foods list during the next change.

New Food List

- Review of approved foods is beginning so that we can complete the process prior to EBT.
 - Next week staff will be discussing possible changes to item categories (should sardines be added to the canned fish).
 - Local agencies can submit their comments and suggestions to Carrie Reynolds at creynolds@mt.gov or Chris Fogelman at cfogelman@mt.gov.

Performance Goal Awards

- Six local agencies met their goal of increased participation:
 - Deer Lodge
 - Gallatin
 - Blackfeet
 - Crow
 - Fort Belknap
 - Rocky Boxy
- Two local agencies met the increased participation target, but it was not their selected goal:
 - Cascade
 - Flathead

WIC Local Agency Conference Call Minutes for April 26, 2012

- Three local agencies met the increased breastfeeding target, but it was not their selected goal:
 - Fergus
 - Flathead
 - Ravalli
- No local agency met the increased fruit and vegetable benefit redemption goal.
- The six local agencies who met their performance goal will split \$100,000 based on their portion of participation in the total group.
 - All local agencies will split an additional \$100,000 based on their portion of total participation.
 - These funds will appear in the fourth quarter contracts for counties and in amended contracts for all others.

Other Topics

- The WIC Futures Study Group will be meeting on May 3, 2012.
 - The main topic of discussion will be the funding formula.
 - We liked the Performance Goal method. Please let your WFSG representative know your opinion and if you like the idea of performance goals, what other goals you would like to see on the list.
- Each local agency received a request for information about carrying forward any remaining funds from the first three quarters to the fourth quarter.
 - The deadline to respond is April 27, 2012.
 - If you do not respond, it will be assumed that you do not plan to carry forward any remaining funds from the first three quarters.

Questions

- Are the dates set for the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Conference? No, but we are working on arrangements.
- When will the MSPIRIT Training be in June? The dates will be provided in the future.